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Zairean soldiers deployed in Rwandan camps

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KINSHASA, 18 April (Reuter) - Zaire has finished deploying 1,500 soldiers to provide security for Rwandan refugees in camps in eastern Zaire, an official at the prime minister's office said on Tuesday.

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Mutiri Wa Bashara told Reuters the troops, who finished deploying in the Goma and Bukavu regions at the weekend, would also have the job of curbing the activities of Hutu militants preventing refugees from returning home.

The troops have been sent under the terms of an accord signed in January by the Zairean government and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. An initial plan by U.N.

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali proved too expensive.

A small advisory force, made up of paramilitary gendarmes from Burkina Faso, Cameroon and possibly Benin, will work with the Zairean troops.

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